THE

ORDERS

OF THE

Friendly Union-Society,

MEETING AT THE

King's-Head Tavern in the Poultry.

LONDON:

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WHEREAS there is a SOCIETY *raiſing, called by the Name of the* **Friendly Union**, *for the mutual Good and Advantage of each other, in their ſeveral* Trades *and* Callings; *and as they have raiſed a* FUND, *and agreed to Support the ſame by equal Contributions, for the ſeveral Purpoſes hereinafter mentioned, ſubject to the ſeveral Orders herein ſet forth; and for the better Government hereof, it is agreed, That the ſaid* SOCIETY *ſhall meet at ſeveral Times in the Year, in Order to tranſact the Buſineſs relating to the ſame, in the following Manner:*

IMPRIMIS,

THAT this Society ſhall not conſiſt of more than One Hundred and One Members; and the Time of Meeting ſhall be once in fourteen Days, upon a *Monday* Night, between the Hours of Eight and Ten in the Summer, and Seven and Ten in the Winter half Year.

II. That every Perſon ſhall pay at his Admiſſion the Sum of Five Guineas, until the Society, upon a Quarterly Night ſhall think proper to alter the ſame; and that every Member ſhall pay to the

Treaſury, One Pound Nine Shillings per Year, by equal Quarterly Payments, on the firſt Meeting Night after *Lady-day*, *Midſummer-day*, *Michaelmas-day*, and *Chriſtmas-day*; and likewiſe a further Sum of Thirteen Shillings per Year, by Quarterly Payments, for the Support of each Evenings Expences; which ſaid Payments, Fines, and Forfeitures, ſhall be paid to the Treaſury at the Quarterly-Meeting before Ten of the Clock: Any Member ſo neglecting, Notice thereof being given, ſhall forfeit Two Shillings and Six-pence, and if he doth not pay the ſame on the firſt Meeting-Night after the Quarterly-Meeting, and that before Ten o'Clock, he ſhall be totally excluded.

III. That there ſhall be a Preſident, Vice-Preſident, and two Stewards, choſe Quarterly, as they ſtand in Rotation; and if any Member ſhall refuſe to ſerve any of the above Offices, to Fine as follows;

PRESIDENT - - - - - 5*s.* : 0*d.*
VICE-PRESIDENT- - 2*s.* : 6*d.*
STEWARDS - - - - - 10*s.* : 6*d. each*

And the next Member in Rotation to be choſen in their Stead.

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And if the Preſident or Vice-Preſident ſhall not be preſent on a Meeting-Night, by Eight o'Clock in the Summer, and Seven o'Clock in the Winter to Fine as follows;

PRESIDENT - - - - - - - 1s. : 0d.
VICE-PRESIDENT - - 0s. : 6d.

But if the Vice-Preſident ſhall be preſent with the Key at the above Time, then the Preſident to be free from any Fine; and if either of the Stewards are not preſent at Eight o'Clock to forfeit One Shilling; if not at Nine o'Clock, Two Shillings and Six-pence, during the Summer; and if not preſent at Seven o'Clock One Shilling; if not at Eight o'Clock, Two Shillings and Six-pence during the Winter half Year.

IV. That if any Member ſerving the Office of Preſident, Vice-Preſident, or Steward, ſhall deputize any other to officiate for him, yet the ſaid Preſident, Vice-Preſident, or Steward ſhall forfeit One Shiling for his Non-attendance; and if the ſaid Member ſo officiating, ſhall not attend with the Key at the proper Time, he ſhall be culpable to ſuch Fine as the ſaid Officer is, for whom he officiates; and the Secretary ſhall be culpable to the ſame Fines for Non-attendance as the Stewards.

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V. That no Perſon be admitted a Member unleſs he be truly affected to His Majeſty King GEORGE, a native of *Great-Britain*, and a Proteſtant, not above the Age of Forty, nor under the Age of Twenty-one (except the firſt Twenty Members) and not of the ſame Trade or Calling of either of the preſent Members, without his conſent, and he ſhall be firſt propoſed by a Member, at one of the Meeting Nights, who ſhall declare to the Preſident ſuch Perſon to be a Man of Credit and Reputation, and in Trade for himſelf, and ſhall pay half a Guinea to the Treaſury; and if the Perſon propoſed, be approved of by the Society, the ſaid half Guinea ſhall be allowed in the Entrance-Money, and if not approved of, the Money to be returned; but if he be accepted, and ſhall after that decline his Intention of becoming a Member, and that within two Months from the Time of his being propoſed, then the ſaid half Guinea to be forfeited to the Treaſury; and that no Perſon belonging to any Goal, Attorney, Sheriffs Officer, Vintner, Inn-keeper, Painter, Plumber, Carman, Chairman, Porter, Glaſs-ſilverer, or worker in Quick-ſilver, or Clerk, nor any other Perſon whoſe Trade or Calling ſhall be deemed by the Members preſent to be detrimental to Health; and that no Perſon ſhall be admitted a Member by the Name

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of the Company of which he is Free, but by the Calling which he daily uſeth; and no Member ſhall belong to any other Society of this Nature; and if it be diſcovered after he is become free, to belong to any ſuch other, he ſhall forfeit one Guinea, and forthwith quit that, or be excluded this Society.

VI. That every Member at the Expiration of two Years after his Admiſſion, ſhall be intituled to all Privileges belonging thereto; and if any Member ſhall be rendered incapable of following his Trade or Calling, he ſhall, upon giving Notice in writing, to One of the Stewards or Secretary, receive One Guinea per Week from the Treaſury, during the Time of his Illneſs, unleſs it continues above twelve Weeks, then to receive Ten Shillings and Six-pence per Week, ſo long as the ſaid Illneſs ſhall continue upon him; and in the Notice, which he ſhall ſend, he ſhall give an Account of his Diſorder in the beſt manner he can; and if the ſame be Phyſical, the Phyſician of the Society, may with Orders from the Preſident, viſit ſuch Member, for which viſit he ſhall be paid half a Guinea; and if his Caſe be Surgical, the Surgeon of the Society, may with Orders from the Preſident, viſit ſuch Member, and five Shillings ſhall be paid

to him out of the Treaſury, for ſuch viſit; and the ſaid Phyſician or Surgeon ſhall make their Report the next Meeting Night, and ſhall be paid after the ſaid Rate for every ſuch Viſit, as ſhall be ordered by the Preſident; but if the Phyſician or Surgeon ſhall viſit ſuch Member at his own Deſire, then no Fee to be paid by the Society; yet in ſuch Caſe, he ſhall make his Report, at the Requeſt of the Society; and if any Member, ſhall at any Time be on a Journey, exceeding the Diſtance of four Miles from the Place of Meeting, and be afflicted, as aforeſaid, upon a Certificate, ſigned by the Apothecary or Surgeon attending him, and by the Rector, Vicar, Curate, or Church-warden of the Pariſh where he ſhall be ſo afflicted, the ſaid Certificate being ſent to One of the Stewards or Secretary, ſhall be intituled to the Benefit as tho' in Town: And if any Member ſhall be found working at his Trade or Calling while he doth receive the Benefit of the Treaſury, and ſhall not have declared of, he ſhall be excluded the Society.

N.B. *Any Member afflicted with the Foul Diſeaſe, ſhall not be intituled to receive any weekly Money during his Illneſs, occaſioned by ſuch Diſorder, but his Nominee ſhall not be excluded the Benefit of the Treaſury, in Caſe he ſhould die by ſuch Diſorder.*

VII. That

VII. That if any Member, after having received One Guinea per Week, for ten or eleven Weeks ſucceſſively, ſhall declare off, and in a ſhort Time after again declare on the Treaſury, if it be prov'd that he was ſick at the Time of his declaring off the Treaſury, and by that means he fraudulently intended to evade the Intent and Meaning of the foregoing Article, he ſhall be excluded this Society.

VIII. That upon any Member receiving the weekly Money, he ſhall be viſited by the Stewards in Turns, who ſhall pay him at ſuch Viſits the ſaid weekly Payments, and in Default thereof ſhall forfeit Five Shillings; and if any ſuch Member go Abroad, he ſhall leave a Direction where he is to be found, or forfeit Five Shillings; or if he ſhall go into the Country, exceeding the Diſtance of four Miles from the Place of Meeting, then to ſend Notice to One of the Stewards, or Secretary; and if any Member ſhall declare off the Treaſury, the ſame ſhall be done in writing, and ſent to One of the Stewards or Secretary, to the Effect following, *I declare off receiving my weekly Money.*

IX. That at the Death of any free Member, there ſhall be Sixty Guineas paid to the Perſon enabled to receive the ſame, by Virtue of a Will, or any other Inſtrument in writing, atteſted by

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two or more ſufficient Witneſſes, for want thereof, the ſame to be paid to the Widow, and if no Widow, then to the Children equal Share alike; and for want of Children, then to the next Heir at Law; and all Claims by Will, &c. ſhall be laid before the Society, within twelve Months after the Death of any ſuch free Member, except the proper Claimant ſhall be out of the Land; and every Claim being properly laid, ſhall be paid the fourth Meeting-Night after the ſaid Claim is laid; and every Member is to pay towards each Claim Five Shillings, on the next Meeting Night after the Notice of the Death of any Member, or forfeit Two Shillings and Six-pence on the Quarterly Night following.

X. That upon the Miſbehaviour of any Member or Members on a Meeting-Night, by challenging to Fight or Game, by offering Wagers, party Diſputes, obſcene Diſcourſe, Oaths or Drunkenneſs, for every ſuch Offence ſhall be fined One Shilling, and not being Silent when three Times demanded by the Preſident, or preſiding Officer, he or they ſo Miſbehaving, ſhall forfeit Two Shillings and Six-pence each; and upon any further Miſbehaviour the ſame Evening, the ſaid Member ſhall quit the Room, at the Requeſt of the Preſident, or preſiding Officer, or forfeit Ten Shillings

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and Six-pence; and any Member appearing in the Club-Room in his Apron, or colour'd Handkerchief on, to be fined One Shilling.

XI. That if any Member or Members, ſhall at any Time vilify, ſpeak diſreſpectfully, or ſay any Thing by way of Ridicule or Prejudice out of the Society, concerning the ſame, to any Perſon or Perſons that may hurt the good Intent thereof, he or they, the Fact being fairly proved, to the Satisfaction of the Society, they are hereby impowered to inflict ſuch Fine on the Member or Members ſo offending, as they ſhall think proper, according to the Nature of the ſaid Complaints as ſhall appear before them.

XII. That if any Member ſhall at any Time change his Place of Abode, he ſhall ſend Notice thereof, in writing, to one of the Stewards or Secretary, within fourteen Days after ſuch Removal, or forfeit Two Shillings and Six-pence.

XIII. That all Diſputes that ſhall ariſe on a Meeting-Night, ſhall be decided by the Members then preſent, by holding up of Hands (if no Member demands a Ballot) and that any Bill for altering or making any new Laws, ſhall be laid before the Society three Meeting Nights before the Quarterly Meeting, and then to be decided as above.

XIV.

XIV. That whatever Money ſhall be placed out at Intereſt, ſhall be in the Names of two free Members as Truſtees, and the ſaid Truſt not to exceed Twenty-five Pounds; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall take the Security in their own Names, and give the Society a Declaration of Truſt, which with the Security ſhall be lodged in the Cheſt, and that this, and other neceſſary Expences ſhall be paid out of the Treaſury; and that the Preſident and two Stewards be empowered (after putting up the Queſtion to the Members preſent) to order the ſelling of as much Stock as the Society ſhall ſtand in need of, not exceeding Fifty Pounds; and an Order being made out ſign'd by the ſaid Officers for that Purpoſe, directed to any Member or Members who hold the Society's Stock, ſuch Member or Members rufuſing to ſell, (provided the Books are open) ſhall be excluded the Society; and that every Free Member who ſhall refuſe to hold Stock in Truſt for this Society, when they ſhall be called upon for that Purpoſe, ſhall fine Five Shillings to the Treaſury.

XV. That if at any Time any Law Suit be commenced againſt the Society, or any Member or Members thereof, touching or concerning theſe Laws, or any other Matter relating to the Society, the Charges for defending the ſame ſhall be defrayed by the

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Treaſury, or by equal Contribution of each, and every Member; provided the Treaſury will not bear the ſame; and upon any ſuch Contribution, every Member ſhall be repaid the ſame out of the Treaſury, as ſoon as conveniently may be.

XVI. That if it ſhould at any Time happen, ſo that any free Member of this Society, through any unforeſeen Accident or Misfortunes in Trade becomes Inſolvent, and any of his Creditors confine his Perſon in Priſon, in this Caſe, ſuch Member ſhall, during his Confinement, receive out of the Treaſury Five Shillings per Week, and no more, if ſick, and the Societies Expences to be deducted out of the ſaid Five Shillings; and in Caſe ſuch Member be confined in Priſon above twelve Months, then all ſuch Money as ſhall be paid after the End of the ſaid twelve Months, ſhall be deducted out of the Sixty Guineas, at the Death of ſuch Member.

XVII. That there ſhall be one Feaſt in the Year, in the Country, not exceeding the Diſtance of four Miles from the Place of Meeting, on the laſt *Wedneſday* in *June*; for defraying the Expence of which, every Member ſhall depoſit Four Shillings with the Feaſt Stewards, who ſhall for that Purpoſe be choſe on the *Lady-day* Quarterly

Night

Night every Year; and any one refuſing to accept the Office of Feaſt Steward, ſhall forfeit Ten Shillings and Six-pence to the Treaſury, and ſhall not be allowed to deputize any Perſon to officiate for him; the ſaid Stewards ſhall provide a Dinner ſuitable to the Sum of Four Shillings, and the Members preſent at Dinner, to make all Deficiencies good; and if any Member ſhall neglect to pay his Feaſt Money on the firſt Meeting-Night in *June*, he ſhall forfeit Five Shillings; and if not paid at the Feaſt, or the firſt Meeting-Night after the Feaſt, he ſhall forfeit Ten Shillings and Six-pence to the Treaſury; and the Society's Stewards, ſhall out of the ſaid Fine, pay to the Feaſt Stewards Four Shillings, in order to prevent the ſaid Stewards from being at any Loſs by providing for that Member.

BY-LAW the 1ſt.

Paſſed May, 1763.

THAT the Secretary do Ballance the Caſh Book every Quarter, and the Stewards to tell over the Caſh, that it agrees with the ſaid Ballance; that the Preſident or Stewards, or any two going out of Office do ſign the Caſh-Book, that it is a juſt and fair Ballance.

BY-LAW the 2d.

Paſſed May, 1763.

THAT a Book containing an Account of all the Societies Stock be kept by the Preſident, (for the Time being) at his own Houſe, for fear of Accident by Fire.

BY-LAW the 3d.

Paſſed December, 1763.

THAT any Member, or Members who hold the Societies Stock, ſhall receive and pay into the Treaſury the Intereſt due on the ſaid Stock; and

and ſuch Member or Members neglecting to pay ſuch Intereſt into the Treaſury, within Three Months after a Years Intereſt is due, ſhall be fined Five Shillings, Notice being given.

BY-LAW the 4th.

THAT on any Member declaring on the Treaſury by Sickneſs or Lameneſs, the Steward or Secretary who receives the Notice, ſhall direct the Phyſician or Apothecary of the Society to viſit ſuch Member; and that the ſaid Phyſician or Apothecary do let the Steward know whether ſuch Member be a proper Perſon to receive the Benefit of the Treaſury before the Steward makes the weekly Payment.

We

WE whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, do agree to the foregoing Orders, *as are by the Society made for the Good thereof. As Witneſs our Hands.*

Time of Ent.	N°	
March 27, 1758.	1	JOhn Paley, Taylor, Talbot-court, Grace-church-ſtreet.
27	2	Benjamin Wilſon, Glaizer, Lothbury, or Hoxton-ſquare.
27	3	Henry Edmonds, Peruke-maker, Clement-lane, Lombard-ſtreet.
27	4	John Richfield, Shoe-maker, George-yard, Tower-hill.
27	5	Charles Davis, Carpenter, St. Mary-hill.
April 17	6	John Phillips, Tallow-chandler, Eaſt-ſmith-field.
May 1	7	John Parminter, Mathematical Inſtrument-maker, Little Tower-hill.
6	8	William Knight, Baker, Tower-hi Good.
15	9	Ralph Moull, Hoſier, Eaſt-ſmithfie ower-
22	10	John Hatton, Poulterer, Leadenhall-
22	11	Thomas Sanſum, Woollen-draper, Eaſt-ſmithfield.
June 26	12	Thomas Palmer, Book-binder, Tower-hill.
26	13	John Cooper, Undertaker, Cannon-ſtreet.

Time of Ent.	N°	
June 26 1758.	14	Thomas Carney, Callico-Printer, Crayford, Kent.
July 3	15	William Wadham, Orange Merchant, Botolph-lane.
1	16	Joſeph Ware, Dyer, Crayford, Kent.
10	17	George Gill, Print-Cutter, Crayford, Kent.
17	18	John Gilbert, Mathematical Inſtrument-maker, Tower-hill.
31	19	John Beardmore, Oyl-man, lower Thames-ſtreet.
31	20	Benjamin Bacon, Pewterer, St. Dunſtan's-hill, Tower-ſtreet.
Auguſt 7	21	William Green, Cutler, Newgate-ſtreet.
Sept. 25	22	Edward Smallman, Coal-Merchant, St. Catherines.
Oct. 2	23	Thomas Devonſhire, Goldſmith, Paternoſter-row.
2	24	Alexander Mainſtone, Oyl-man, Thames-ſtreet.
2	25	John Griffiths, Egg-Merchant, Alderſgate-ſtreet.
8	26	George Mathews, Joiner, Vaux-hall.
16	27	David Hudſon, Hat-maker, Eaſtcheap.
16	28	George Newell, Butcher, Whitecapel.

John

Time of Ent.	N°	
Oct. 30 1758.	29	John Gregory, Salt Meter, Love-lane, Billinſgate.
30	30	Thomas Abbey, Thames-ſtreet.
30	31	Thomas Henſhaw, Gun-maker, Minories.
Nov. 13	32	Hammond Terry, Coach Wheeler, Biſhopſgate-ſtreet.
13	33	Thomas Golding, Hair-Cutter, Pig-ſtreet, Royal-Exchange.
13	34	Mark Weſtcombe, Stationer, King-ſtreet, Tower-hill.
Jan. 8 1759.	35	Joſeph Turner, Goldſmith, Philpot-lane.
22	36	James Fiſher, Cabinet-maker, Fore-ſtreet.
22	37	William Grimes, Salt-Metre, Love-lane, Billinſgate.
22	38	Thomas Gloves, Grocer, Hatton-garden.
Feb. 5	39	David Ormond, Great Alie-ſtreet, Goodman's-fields.
19	40	Samuel Maſon, Saleſman, Little Tower-hill.
19	41	William Grandprie, Clock-maker, Leather-lane, Holborn.
19	42	William Weſt, Queen-court, Baſinghall-ſtreet.
19	43	William Miller, Brewer, White croſs-ſtreet

Thomas

Time of Ent.	N°	
Feb. 19 1759	44	Thomas Burkitt, Turner, Old Bethlam.
June 25	45	William Watkins, Goldſmith, Dublin.
Auguſt 20	46	John Parker, Butcher, Minories.
Feb. 7 1760	47	Thomas Southall, Smith, in the Strand.
Dec. 22	48	John Luntley, Haberdaſher, Crooked-lane.
Jan. 5 1761	49	John Bevan, Lighterman, Eaſt-ſmithfield.
5	50	John Knight, Baker, Thames-ſtreet.
May 11	51	Jonathan Fall, Upholſterer, St. Paul's Church-yard.
June 22	52	Stephen Jay, Dancing-Maſter, St. Peters-alley, Cornhill.
22	53	Joſeph Beare, Orange Merchant Botolph-lane.
Auguſt 3	54	Daniel Hall, Gent. York.
3	55	Richard Scott, Salt-Metre, King's Mews.
3	56	William Wright, Orange Merchant, Botolph-lane.
17	57	John Robone, Bricklayer, Booth-ſtreet, Spittal-fields.
31	58	William Waſher, Cheeſemonger, Grace-church-ſtreet.
Sept. 14	59	John Hawkes, Poulterer, Tooley-ſtreet, Southwark.

John

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Sept. 14 1761	60	John Powell, Orange Merchant, Botolph-lane.
Oct. 26	61	James Murray, Throwſter, Artillery-lane, Biſhopſgate-ſtreet.
June 6 1763	62	George Barnard, Scowerer, Fenchurch-ſtreet.
Oct. 24	63	Samuel Wells, Coopers Edge Tool-maker, Tower-ſtreet.
Nov. 7	64	Thomas Butcher, Butcher, North Audley-ſtreet, Groſvenor ſquare.
Dec. 5	65	John Vaughan, Pewterer, St. Catherines.
5	66	George Jarvis, Warder, on the Parade, Tower.
1764 May 21	67	Jaſper Williams, Lighterman, Tower-hill.
July 2	68	Paul Griffiths, Watch-maker, Arthur-ſtreet, Goſwell-ſtreet.
Oct. 8	69	John Butcher, Butcher, Oxford Market.
8	70	James Powis, Apothecary, Kent-ſtreet, Southwark.
22	71	Samuel Skinner, Glover, Cornhill.
Nov. 19	72	George Seatoun, Jeweller, Gutter-lane.
Jan. 28 1765	73	William Bailey, Coach-maſter, Alderſgate-ſtreet.
March 25	74	Alexander Saunders, Goldſmith, Foſter-lane

James

Time of Ent.	N°	
Aug. 12 1765	75	James King, Founder, Parker-ſtreet in Little Queen-ſtreet, Lincoln's-Inn-fields.
Sept. 9	76	James Hovell, Biſket Baker, St. Catherines.
9	77	William Brown, Copper Plate Printer, Wapping.
23.	78	John Knight, Carver, Little Queen-ſtreet, Lincoln's-Inn-fields.

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